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In re U.S. Patent Application of )

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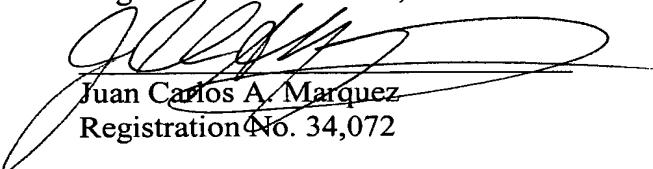
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on November 19, 2006. Applicants hereby elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as Species I and corresponding claims 1 and 9-13 without traverse.